

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

September 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.3 percent between August 2009 and September 2009 while the Canada All-items Index was unchanged. Both the Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.3 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the September All-items Index decreased from August 2009 primarily due to lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline and traveller accommodations. Prices also fell for fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, processed meat and other food preparations.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for women's clothing, tuition fees, school textbooks and supplies and cablevision and satellite services (including pay television). Prices also rose for sugar and confectionery, fuel oil and other fuels and non-prescribed medicines.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.2 percent between September 2008 and September 2009 while the Canada All-items Index decreased 0.9 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 0.6 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The September All-items Index increased from September 2008 primarily due to higher prices for food purchased from restaurants, electricity and mortgage interest cost. Prices also rose for rent, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, property taxes (including special charges) and prescribed medicines.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and fuel oil and other fuels. Prices also decreased for housing replacement cost, natural gas, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and home entertainment equipment – parts and services.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Sept. 2009</u>	<u>Aug. 2009</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Aug. 2009</u> to <u>Sept. 2009</u>	<u>Sept. 2008</u> to <u>Sept. 2009</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.5	117.9	-0.3	0.2
Food	121.1	122.8	-1.4	3.9
Shelter	139.9	139.7	0.1	3.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.2	104.8	-0.6	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	97.4	95.9	1.6	0.7
Transportation	106.3	107.8	-1.4	-10.3
Health and Personal Care	114.8	114.4	0.3	7.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.3	104.8	0.5	0.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	132.7	132.7	0.0	2.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.0	116.4	-0.3	1.9
Energy	131.1	132.0	-0.7	-12.7
CANADA				
All-Items	114.7	114.7	0.0	-0.9
Food	120.4	121.5	-0.9	2.8
Shelter	120.9	121.1	-0.2	-1.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.9	107.0	0.8	2.2
Clothing and Footwear	94.9	92.1	3.0	-1.2
Transportation	113.6	114.8	-1.0	-7.2
Health and Personal Care	113.7	112.5	1.1	3.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.0	104.4	0.6	1.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.3	131.4	-0.1	2.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.4	113.3	0.1	1.3
Energy	131.3	132.6	-1.0	-18.7
REGINA				
All-Items	117.6	118.0	-0.3	0.6
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.5	118.9	-0.3	0.2

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Aug. 2009 to Sept. 2009</u>	<u>Sept. 2008 to Sept. 2009</u>
Canada	0.0	-0.9
Newfoundland	0.2	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	0.3	-1.4
Nova Scotia	0.0	-0.8
New Brunswick	0.1	-0.4
Quebec	-0.2	-0.3
Ontario	0.1	-1.1
Manitoba	0.3	-0.3
Saskatchewan	-0.3	0.2
Alberta	-0.4	-1.1
British Columbia	-0.1	-1.2
Whitehorse	-0.4	-1.0
Yellowknife	0.1	-0.7
Iqaluit	-0.7	1.2

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Aug. 2009</u> to <u>Sept. 2009</u>	<u>Sept. 2008</u> to <u>Sept. 2009</u>
St. John's	0.2	-0.4
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.3	-1.1
Halifax	0.1	-0.4
Saint John	0.1	-0.3
Quebec City	-0.2	0.0
Montreal	-0.2	0.0
Ottawa	0.1	-1.0
Toronto	0.1	-1.0
Thunder Bay	0.2	-1.6
Winnipeg	0.3	-0.3
Regina	-0.3	0.6
Saskatoon	-0.3	0.2
Edmonton	-0.3	-0.5
Calgary	-0.4	-1.2
Vancouver	-0.1	-1.0
Victoria	-0.1	-1.0
Whitehorse	-0.4	-1.0
Yellowknife	0.1	-0.7
Iqaluit	-0.7	1.2

